REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINAT

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number:

Filing Date:

10/619.678

First Named Inventor.

July 15, 2003 Christopher A. Smith

Group Art Unit:

1761

Examiner Name:

7064

Attorney Docket Number:

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CUSTOMER NO.:

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

| 1. | Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 | | |
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| | a. | XXXXX | Previously submitted |
| | | i. XXXX | Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed |
| | | | on March 12, 2007 (any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be |
| | | | entered). |
| | | ii. | Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed |
| | | | filed on |
| - | | iii. | Other |
| | b. | ` | Enclosed |
| | | i. | Amendment/Reply with transmittal |
| | | ii. | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) |
| | | iii. | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 |
| | | iv. | Other |
| 2. | Misce | llaneous | |
| | a. | | Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 |
| | | | C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of |
| | | | C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required) |
| | b. | | Other |
| 3. | Fees | The RCE fee Un | der 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed. |
| | a. | XXXXX | The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any |
| | | | overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. |
| | | i. XXXX | |
| | | ii. XXXX | |
| | | iii. | Other |
| | b. | XXXXX | Check in the amount of \$455.00 (small entity; \$395 - RCE; \$60 - Extension of |
| | | | Time Fee) enclosed |
| | C. | | Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) |
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| Date of Signature | | | Paul D. Greeley |

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